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## Viewing cable 05NEWDELHI2140, MODI CASE REFLECTS DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIVIDE

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
05NEWDELHI2140	2005-03-21 13:19	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/the-india-cables/article1559544.ece>

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 03/21/2015  
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SUBJECT: MODI CASE REFLECTS DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIVIDE

REF: A. NEW DELHI 2095      B. NEW DELHI 2094      C. NEW DELHI 2090      D. NEW DELHI 2081

Classified By: DCM Robert O. Blake, Jr. for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

**1. (C) Summary: Aside from limited and localized protests in Gujarat and scattered nationalist editorial comment, BJP efforts to build a dome Deep Divide in Gujarat**  
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**2. (C) Gujarat CM Narendra Modi has been teetering on the edge of political ignominy for at least a year. In 2004, then Prime Minister Vajpe**

**3. (U) Initial press reports had claimed that the visa incident bought Modi a reprieve from his opponents in Gujarat. The "Hindustan Times"**

**4. (U) Even though the visa controversy is only days old, the dissidents are already coming back in strength. Dissident leader Vallabh Kathi  
BJP Turns to America Baiting**  
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**5. (U) Among the BJP's national leadership, no figure is more closely connected with Modi than Party President and former DPM LK Advani, who**

**6. (U) At the rally, Modi launched new anti-American attacks on the USG in Advani's presence, claiming that the USG revoked his visa at the t  
SIPDIS  
Deep Divides Between the BJP and Congress**  
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**7. (U) The United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government was largely silent after presenting a formal protest on March 18 (Ref B). The BJP we**

**8. (C) The Modi incident comes at a time when the political divide between Congress and the BJP is deep and growing. The two parties are fie  
The Secular/Communal Divide**  
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**9. (C) Modi and his followers within the BJP have been attempting to use nationalism to rally mass support around Modi, painting his visa rev**

**10. (C) A broad spectrum of "secular" groups, including political parties, NGOs and newspapers, have failed to take the bait, condemning Mc**

**11. (C) The GOI has also come under criticism for its rush to support visa issuance to Modi. Press reports indicate that "at least 35" grc**

**12. (C) BJP and Sangh Parivar calls for Indians to rally around Modi have not cowed his opponents, who continue to demand his dismissal. The**

**13. (U) Private comments by a wide range of Indians to Embassy officers show there has been strong support by most Indians for the USG's deci  
Comment -----**

**14. (C) Modi's political problems continue to grow, and his options narrow. The BJP initially hoped to use Modi's visa problems to overcome**

**15. (C) The UPA government having "gone through the motions" by protesting the USG decision, is unlikely to ratchet up the pressure further  
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